

State of California
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Colorado River Basin Region

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

September 19, 2007, 10:00 a.m.
City Council Chambers
City of La Quinta
78-495 Calle Tampico
La Quinta, CA 92253

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, was called to order by Chair Nancy Wright at 10:05 a.m. on September 19, 2007, in the City Council Chambers, City of La Quinta, California.

Roll Call (Board Members Only)

Board Members Present:

Jeff Hays, Maurice "Red" Martinez, Richard "Rick" Post, Ellen Way, and Nancy Wright. The Board Secretary stated that a quorum was present.

Staff Present:

Jose Angel, Terry Barnes, Mary Castaneda, John Carmona, Jose Cortez, Francisco Costa, Kai Dunn, Abdi Haile, Kirk Larkin, Robert Perdue, Cliff Raley, Jonathan Rokke, Ivory Stark, Hilda Vasquez, Doug Wylie and Nadim Zeywar

Others Present:

Steve Charlton, IID
John Rodlinger, Bureau of Reclamation
Will Gonzalez, CVWD
Joel Hamby, City of Westmorland
Randy Hines, City of El Centro
Ed Muzik, HDWD
Robert Nicklen
Tom Vandenberg, SWRCB, OCC
Gian Villarreal, RBF/Caltrans

Minutes

1. Minutes of the June 26, 2007, Board Meeting

MOTION:

Richard "Rick" Post moved, Jeff Hays seconded, and motion carried unanimously that the June Minutes be approved as submitted.

Public Forum

2. No comments from the public.

Uncontested National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems Permits and Waste Discharge Requirements

3. KL R7-2007-0034 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements for City of Westmorland, Westmorland Wastewater Treatment Plant, Westmorland – Imperial County (Renewal)
4. KL R7-2007-0035 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements for McCabe Union School District, Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant, El Centro – Imperial County (Renewal)
5. KL R7-2007-0036 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements for Seeley County Water District, Seeley County Waste Water Treatment Plant, Seeley – Imperial County (Renewal)
6. JR R7-2007-0053 Waste Discharge Requirements for Borrego Water District, Rams Hill Waste Water Treatment Facility, Borrego Springs – San Diego County (Renewal)
7. JC R7-2007-0066 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements for City of Imperial, City of Imperial Water Pollution Control Plan, Imperial – Imperial County (Amendment)
8. JC R7-2007-0069 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements for City of El Centro Waste Water Treatment Plant, El Centro – Imperial County (Amendment)

9. JC R7-2007-0072 Change of Name and/or Ownership of Facilities Having Waste Discharge Requirements, Mesquite Lake Resource Recovery, Imperial – Imperial County

MOTION:

Jeff Hays moved, Richard “Rick” Post seconded, and motion carried unanimously that Board Order Nos. R7-2006-0034, R7-2007-0035, R7-2007-0036, R7-2007-0053 with Errata, R7-2007-0066, R7-2007-0069, and R7-2007-0072 be adopted.

Resolution

10. CR R7-2007-0074 Resolution Expressing Support for Priority Funding Assistance for Construction of a Reclamation Waste Water Treatment Facility Proposed by the Hi-Desert Water District for the Town of Yucca Valley; and Directing the Executive Officer to Develop a Memorandum of Agreement between the Regional Board, the Hi-Desert Water District, and the Town of Yucca Valley to Address Water Quality Impacts from Current and Proposed Septic Systems in Yucca Valley

Ed Muzik, Hi Desert Water District Manager, addressed the Regional Board regarding the matter. He thanked the Regional Board and its staff for the assistance in dealing with the problem, and he expressed support for the Resolution.

MOTION:

Ellen Way moved, Jeff Hays/Richard “Rick” Post seconded, and motion carried unanimously that Resolution No. R7-2007-0074 be adopted.

Staff Reports

11. **Informational Update on the Coachella Valley TMDL, July 25, 2007 Workshop and Subsequent Progress**

Nadim Zeywar gave a presentation to the Board regarding the Coachella Valley TMDL workshop held on July 25, 2007. The Board Members requested the transcripts and a DVD of this workshop. The transcripts and DVD will be mailed to all Board Members. Mr. Zeywar informed the Board that another workshop would be held on November 19, 2007.

12. **Informational Update on Border Pollution and New River Water Quality**

Jose Angel gave a presentation regarding water quality in the New River, which originates in Mexico and empties into the Salton Sea. Mr. Angel described the improvements in water quality since startup of the newly constructed wastewater treatment plant in Mexicali, Mexico.

13. Informational Update on 2007 Basin Plan Triennial Review

Cliff Raley gave a presentation regarding the 2007 Basin Plan Triennial Review. He mentioned that the Public Notice of the 2007 Basin Plan Triennial Review Hearing will go out in November for approval in January. Mr. Raley informed the Board that the process for public review and responding to comments received takes about 6 months to complete.

Other Business

14. Informational Update on State Water Resources Control Board Activities

Tom Vandenberg, Legal Counsel (OCC), discussed a proposed Senate Bill, SB 1001, which would restructure the composition and number of all Regional Boards. He briefly described the Water Recycling Policy, and mentioned that the Enforcement Policy is being updated by the SWRCB Office of Enforcement. He mentioned that the Office of Enforcement is also developing a separation of function protocol to ensure that separate counsel are provided for the Board and the Enforcement staff when necessary. He also mentioned that CEQA training would be conducted in the next few months.

15. Colorado River Basin Water Board Executive Officer's Report – RP

The Executive Officer (EO) mentioned he had a great time in China. He also thanked regional board staff Cliff Raley and Kai Dunn for joining the Regional Board as new employees.

The EO announced that, as requested by the Board, there will be a TMDL Workshop on November 19, 2007.

16. Colorado River Basin Water Board Member Comments

The Board congratulated Maurice “Red” Martinez and Richard “Rick” Post on their confirmation for appointment as Board members by the State Senate.

17. Colorado River Basin Water Board Chair's Report – NW

The Regional Board Chair mentioned she attended the Chairs' Meeting in Sacramento to discuss the revision of the Strategic Plan. She also mentioned the upcoming Water Quality Coordinating Committee meeting to be held in San Diego on October 29 and 30, 2007. She attended the Colorado River Citizens Forum with the Assistant Executive Officer, Jose Angel, and she also attended the Urban Water Conference where she was introduced to Carol Morin.

Closed Session

No closed session was held.

Arrangements for Next Board Meeting

Date: November 8, 2007

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.